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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT - CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TREATMENT PLANT
IN SEOUL

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

SEOUL METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT (SMG), PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A SIZABLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT AMSA-DONG, KANGNAM-KU, EASTERN SEOUL TO MEET THE RISING DEMAND FOR DRINKING WATER IN THE SEOUL AREA. THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TREATMENT FACILITY WITH TREATING CAPACITY OF ONE (1) MILLION METRIC TONS PER DAY (MTD) WITH RAW WATER INTAKE AND PUMPING DISTRIBUTION STATIONS.

2. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE:

MR. CHUNG, WON-YOUNG, DIRECTOR,
WATER WORKS BUREAU,
SEOUL METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT,
SEOUL, KOREA
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3. COST AND FINANCING:

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ARE TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED AT DOLLARS 60 MILLION. FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF DOLLARS 20 MILLION FOR THE IMPORT OF WATER TREATMENT EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES WILL BE FINANCED THROUGH

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LOANS FROM AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION SUCH AS
IBRD OR ADB OR FROM EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER'S CREDITS. SMG HAS NOT
YET ARRANGED FINANCING FOR THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS.

4. EXPECTED BID DATES:

UNKNOWN, DEPENDS ON AVAILABILITY OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE FINANCING.
SMG HAS NOT YET MADE INQUIRIES REGARDING POSSIBLE FUNDING FOR
THIS PROJECT. OFFICIALS FROM SMG HAVE INDICATED THAT CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN SMG AND THE ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD (EPB) RE LOCATING
SOURCE OF LOANS TO COVER FOREIGN EXCHANGE PORTION OF PROJECT
COSTS CANNOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE BASIC SURVEY REPORT IS
COMPLETED.

THE SMG IS PLANNING TO PURCHASE A SITE AND UNDERTAKE BASIC
PREPARATIONS WITH LOCAL CURRENCY THROUGH A KOREAN ENGINEERING
FIRM (TO BE SELECTED BY THE END OF 1978). PURPOSE OF THE
SURVEY IS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY BASIC COMPILATION OF ENGINEERING
AND ECONOMIC DATA TO SUPPORT BOTH LOCAL CURRENCY AND FOREIGN
EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OVERALL PROJECT. SMG SOURCES
STATED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT WHICH
WILL BE CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING A DAILY AVERAGE OF ONE MILLION
TONS OF ADDITIONAL PORTABLE WATER TO SEOUL IS TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1982.

5. POTENTIAL U.S. SALES:
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U.S. INVOLVEMENT COULD INCLUDE PROJECT CONSULTING SERVICES
FOR DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGNS, PREPARATIONS OF THE TENDER
DOCUMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED, AND CONSTRUCTION
SUPERVISION. ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR PRELIMINARY WATER TREATMENT
FACILITIES INCLUDING SLUDGE COLLECTOR, CHEMICAL FEEDERS
(CHLORINATION EQUIPMENT), ELECTRIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND
LABORATORY EQUIPMENT.

6. POST COMMENTS:

COMMERCE MAY WISH TO PASS THIS REPORT TO MR. JOHN E. OLSON,
VICE PRESIDENT, BLACK AND VEATCH INTERNZTIONAL CONSULTING
ENGINEERS, 1500 MEADOW LAKE PARKWAY, KANSAS CITY (CABLE:
BLACVEATCH, TELEX: 4-2523, TELEPHONE: 816-361-7000); MR.
RICHARD D. HOWARD, VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF ASIAN
OPERATIONS, METCALF AND EDDY INTERNATIONAL INC., ASIAN-PACIFIC
REGIONAL OFFICE, 36 PONCE STREET, SAN LORENZO VOLLAGE MAKATI,
METRO MANILA, R.O.P. (CABLE: METEDD, MANILA) TELEX: 3199
EPTIMO P N METEDD, TELEPHONE: 88-00-23) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
U.S. FIRMS. AFOREMENTIONED TWO U.S. REPRESENTATIVES HAVE

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ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED BY EMBASSY REPS. TO DIRECTOR CHUNG
IN THE COURSE OF PREVIOUS VISITS TO KOREA ON OTHER BUSINESS.
THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FUTURE WATERWORKS PROJECTS BEFORE
THIS ONE WAS DISCLOSED. THIS IS FIRST EMBASSY CABLE ON THIS
PROJECT AND MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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